

GodSense

Lesson 2 *(Principles 6-9)*

I. Review Lesson 1 assignment

II. Recognize lies

A. Culture claims to be devoted to truth.

We hold these truths to be self evident . . .
Do you swear to tell the truth, the whole truth . . . ?
Truth, justice, and the American way!

B. Yet, we are barraged on every side by deceit.

Advertisements promise what they cannot deliver
Politicians say whatever will garner votes
People are two-faced
Reporters “spin” the news
CEO’s deliver falsified numbers
Product labeling is misleading

C. We must begin to recognize lies and decide to pursue and live by truth alone.

III. Desire truth

Psalm 51:6

A. Jesus is God
Jesus is Truth
If we desire truth, we desire God.

B. Satan is a liar
Satan is the Father of lies
If we settle for lies, we follow Satan.

C. We cannot choose both.

Psalm 119:128
John 8:42-47

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IV. Seek truth

A. Know Jesus

John 14:6

B. Study God's Word

Psalm 119:43,130;160

C. Ask Holy Spirit for revelation

Psalm 119:73,125
John 14:16-17

D. Accept mystery

Romans 11:33;

V. Experience truth

A. Know your true self

Proverbs 20:21;21:2

i. Hear friends; counsel

Proverbs 27:6

ii. Respond to Holy Spirit

Proverbs 16:2

iii. Be free from

Control by others
Prejudices
Fears
Guilt
Perfectionism
Measuring up
Covered sin

iv. Receive healing

v. Experience growth

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B. See others in truth

- i. Beware of deceivers.
- ii. Have compassion for sufferers.

VI. Apply truth

- A. Beliefs I Peter 3:15

- B. Worship John 4:24

- C. Communication Ephesians 4:15;25

- D. Relationships Zech. 8:16-17

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ASSIGNMENT

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Bible study

Read II Samuel 11-12 and answer these questions:

(1) Look at each of these verses in chapter 11 and tell what sin David committed and what he could have chosen to do instead:

VERSE	WHAT HE DID	WHAT HE COULD HAVE DONE
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(2) How might David have rationalized his actions in each of these cases?

(3) By the end of chapter 11, how do you suppose David felt about the way he had handled the problem created by his adultery?

(4) Why did Nathan have to use a story in order to help David understand his guilt?

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- (5) What does this tell us about how easy it is to deceive ourselves?
- (6) What is David's response when he realizes the magnitude of his sin?
- (7) How did David's repentance allow him to be healed and restored to both God and his wife?

Journaling

Write down some thoughts in response to these questions. In what situations are you most likely to put on a false front? Why? What people make you most cautious about being yourself? Why? Is there anything you can do to be more real in these situations or with these people?

Prayer

Spend some quiet prayer time asking God to reveal to you any sins that you may be hiding even from yourself. Let Him review with you your thought life, your relationships with others, your attitudes, and your motives. Ask Him to shine the searchlight of the Holy Spirit into your heart and to show you where your secret places are. Confess in full honesty to God and accept His true and complete forgiveness. Thank Him for the closeness of the relationship you can have when even secret sins are uncovered and forsaken.

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“He who conceals his sins does not prosper, but whoever confesses and renounces them finds mercy.” Proverbs 28:13

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